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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Lancaster – 30 Arrests, More Than 200 Illegal Gambling Machines Seized

(U) The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) arrested more than 30 people and confiscated tens-of-thousands of dollars in US currency from illegal gambling establishments in Lancaster, authorities said Wednesday. On 20 October, LASD's Lancaster Sheriff's Station's completed operation "Gambling Suppression," after executing seven search warrants throughout the city of Lancaster. In addition to the arrests and money recovered, several illegal firearms were taken off the streets.

SOURCE: 21 October 2020, [Fox LA](#)

(U) San Diego – Armed Woman Drives into SDPD Headquarters Parking Lot, Later Surrenders

(U) An armed, seemingly impaired individual who had several guns in their car drove into the San Diego police headquarters parking lot on 21 October, prompting a brief emergency that ended when she peacefully surrendered. A department employee noticed that they appeared to be armed with a shotgun, officers cordoned off the area. The individual got out of her vehicle, began screaming, got back inside her vehicle, and drove away, police said. She was later pulled over and peacefully detained.

SOURCE: 21 October 2020, [Times of San Diego](#)

(U) San Diego – Man Charged with Aiming a Laser Pointer at Police Helicopter During a Protest

(U) An indictment was unsealed in federal court today charging San Diego resident Stephen Glenn McLeod with knowingly aiming a beam of a laser pointer at an aircraft on 28 August. When aimed at an aircraft, a beam of light from a handheld laser can illuminate a cockpit, disorient and temporarily blind the pilots, according to Suzanne Turner, Special Agent in Charge of FBI San Diego.

SOURCE: 20 October 2020, [DOJ Press Release](#)

(U) San Francisco – Court Orders San Quentin Prison to Decrease Inmate Population

(U) California corrections officials must release or transfer more than 1,000 inmates from San Quentin prison after showing "deliberate indifference" to prisoners' health during an outbreak of COVID-19, an appeals court ruled this week. Under the decision issued 20 October by a three-judge panel from the 1st District Court of Appeal, the Bay Area facility can house "no more than 1,775 inmates" — half of what the prison's current population was in June and a drop of more than a third from the roughly 2,900 people currently housed there.

SOURCE: 21 October 2020, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – US Border Patrol Agents Seize Methamphetamine

(U) Salton Sea – El Centro Sector US Border Patrol Agents seized methamphetamine on 19 October while performing a K-9 enabled vehicle inspection. During the inspection, agents discovered packages hidden inside two-car battery boosters and two power converters located in the vehicle. The illicit drugs were hidden inside plastic-wrapped packages that tested positive for methamphetamine. The driver, illicit drugs, and vehicle were turned over to the DEA for further processing.

SOURCE: 21 October 2020, [CBP Press Release](#)

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(U) Oregon – Individual Gets 10-Years for Arson in Fire West of Eugene

(U) Maple – A man who started a fire west of Eugene near Mapleton in August 2020 will serve 10-years in prison. Elias Pendergrass, of Mapleton, was sentenced on 21 October after pleading guilty to first-degree arson. The district attorney's office said Pendergrass must also complete three years of post-prison supervision after his release. He will also have to pay restitution, with the amount to be determined in the next six-months. The Sweet Creek Fire sparked an evacuation notice in late August and grew to hundreds of acres before it was contained.

SOURCE: 21 October 2020, [AP](#)

(U) Washington – 11 Indicted in Illegal Marijuana Trafficking

(U) Seattle – Eleven defendants were indicted in three separate hearings for their parts in manufacturing, distributing and profiting from the production and distribution of illegal marijuana across the country and in the Puget Sound region, US Attorney Brian T. Moran announced. Some of the defendants were arrested today in coordinated searches of 27 locations in the Puget Sound region and additional searches in New York. Many of the locations in Washington were illegal grow houses, and others were businesses that allegedly served as front companies.

SOURCE: 21 October 2020, [DOJ Press Release](#)

(U) Washington – Iran Behind Threatening Pro-Trump Emails to US Voters Feds Say

(U) District of Columbia – The Iranian government is behind as many as 25,000 recent emails that threatened Americans with retribution if they did not vote to reelect President Donald Trump, national security officials said on 21 October. In addition, Iran and Russia have obtained the voter registration data of some Americans, Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe said during an abruptly scheduled evening news conference.

SOURCE: 21 October 2020, [Politico](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Deadly Stabbing Attack Investigated as Terrorist Attack

(U) Berlin – A knife attack that killed one tourist and seriously injured another in the German city of Dresden in early October is being treated as a terrorist attack, prosecutors said on 21 October. A 20-year-old Syrian man was arrested on 19 October and is believed to have an Islamist background, federal prosecutors in the city of Karlsruhe said, just days after the shocking Islamist beheading of a teacher in France. The suspect allegedly attacked the two tourists. The suspect has a criminal record including charges of soliciting support for a foreign terrorist organization, obtaining instructions to commit a serious act of violence endangering the state, and bodily injury and threats.

SOURCE: 21 October 2020, [AFP](#)

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